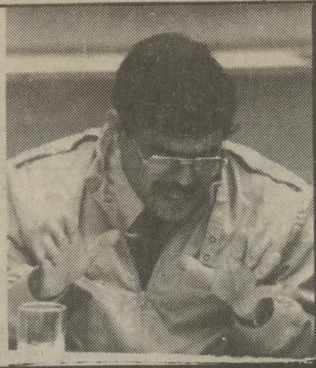


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**CANDLELIGHT READING**—Valley student Hector Sanchez reads "Howl," a poem by Alan Ginsburg in commemoration of Jewish Awareness Week on Monday in

Monarch Hall. The events ran April 15-April 23, featuring films, discussions, Jewish art and a reading, last Thursday, honoring those who died in the holocaust.

## ASU commissioners clash over proposal to rid the council of 'leeches'

By STEPHANIE A. STASSEL, Assoc. News Editor

Opinions clashed at the Associated Student Union (ASU) meeting Tuesday when Bruce Najbergier, commissioner of Jewish ethnic studies, spoke in support of a motion which he said would get rid of the "leeches" in the ASU.

But Shawn Ulibarri, commissioner of campus improvements, strongly opposed the measure, which would set a minimum on the number of units an appointed non-voting executive council member could carry.

The proposal, originally slated to be included on the ASU ballot for the election on May 1 and 2, was advanced by Commissioner of Elections John Gilfillan.

It stated that students holding appointed positions to ASU executive

council must be actively enrolled and attending classes in a minimum of five units for day students and three units for evening students. They would also have to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better for all college work within the past two years.

Those students holding appointed positions who withdraw from classes—thereby reducing units below the minimum—will be required to forfeit their appointed position.

According to ASU president Frank Tullo, the positions affected would be parliamentarian and legislative affairs director, currently held by Mike Higby and Chauncey Medberry respectively.

Students in these two positions currently do not have to maintain a specific unit load or grade point average. Their function is to advise the ASU on particular issues. They do not have voting rights.

ASU commissioners who are day students must maintain a nine-unit class load—night students a six-unit load.

When Gilfillan proposed the motion, he received mixed reactions from fellow commissioners.

Ulibarri spoke first. "It is unfair to separate a specialized group of people from a whole other group of people," Ulibarri said.

"There are two classifications essentially in the Associated Student

Union," he continued. "One is the members of the executive council and the other is the non-voting personnel. Those would be the club members, the club senators, and the club reps."

Ulibarri explained that the reason there are certain academic requirements for the executive council members is to encourage them to have an active involvement on campus.

"We don't require that of students who are merely club presidents, or club reps, or whatever," he said.

Interrupting, Najbergier said, "It's got nothing to do with club presidents or club reps."

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## Security stops Nicaragua talk

### 2 armed officers too costly for club

By SAL SCIORTINO, Staff Writer

The Students for Social Action, a campus club, was forced to cancel its slide show and discussion program on Central American art and politics last Wednesday night because it could not afford a security fee of \$214.30 required by the campus administration.

According to the club's sponsor Sylvia Lubow, professor of history, this policy of requiring a security fee at some campus events is an effective form of "prior restraint" because it involves a "selective predecision."

Lubow emphasized, however, that the Valley College administration has not used this policy as a form of censorship.

Lubow said that this policy began after a "minor incident" occurred at a campus event featuring Nicaraguan minister of culture Ernesto Cardenal on December 6, 1983.

Last Wednesday's event, sponsored by Students for Social Action, was to feature Cal State Fullerton lecturer Carol Wells, M.A., and Mark Cooper, journalist and former news editor of KPFK.

Cooper has spoken at Valley on the subject of Central America both before and after the Cardenal event took place, said Lubow. No security force was required at either of these appearances, she said.

Wells, who had planned to present a slide show on the role of art in Central American revolutions, has appeared at dozens of colleges and universities across the country, Lubow said.

"This has never happened to me before," said Wells, referring to the fact that no other college has cancelled her presentation on account of security.

"In the past four years, I've attended two peaceful anti-government demonstrations in Nicaragua, and not a single security officer was in sight at either of them."

Carlos Martinez, assistant dean of administrative services, denied that Valley began requiring security fees after the Cardenal event. He said that these fees have been charged routinely for years.

"We generally let our support services recommend what is needed at a particular event," said Martinez.

On the facilities request form, 100 spectators were projected to be in attendance, he said.

Campus Police Captain J.J. Wolf said he initially recommended four armed security officers to cover the slide show and discussion. After speaking with Lubow, however, the college administration agreed to require only two officers for five hours.

According to Wolf, the three-hour event required armed security both an hour preceding and an hour following the event because "people arrive early to set up and hang around afterwards."

Wolf reiterated Lubow's statement that security fees were first charged after Cardenal spoke more than a year ago. For that event, he said, the Associated Student Union (ASU) was allowed to police the event themselves after the administration was "talked into it" by ASU.

He said that with this decision the administration "opened a can of worms." He was unable, however, to tell what happened that night, and admitted that his perception of the incident was based on "hearsay" from his fellow officers.

The December 8, 1983 issue of the *Star* reports a different story.

Cardenal's security force included at least one campus police officer in addition to a police escort, the *Star* reported.

Roberto Vargas, Cardenal's interpreter, was reported to have been told that "there were guns out there (in the crowd)." No guns appeared that evening.

In contrast to the 100 people expected at last Wednesday's slide show and discussion, the cabinet-level foreign dignitary drew an audience of more than 600.

Wolf said that he was not stationed at Valley College when Cardenal visited.

Wolf said that the slide show required security because of the "connotation of the event."

Ironically, no security officers were required at the panel discussion and debate that took place the night before. Its theme was Nicaragua. At this event, which was also sponsored by SSA, another 100 spectators were projected. There were seven panelists including two "contras" and one Sandinista representative.

## Star, Crown and staff shine at state journalism convention

One of the most prestigious awards a community college newspaper can receive is first place in general excellence from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC).

The *Valley Star* received such an award Friday night at the JACC state conference mail-in awards in Fresno.

Pierce's *Roundup* received a fifth place.

The conference lasted the weekend and contained on-the-spot competitions to test the skills and flexibility of photographers, writers and copy editors as well as workshops taught by journalism professionals.

The spotlight was also shared by Valley's *Crown* magazine, which captured the first-place general excellence title for magazines in spite of the fact that the journalism department was only able to publish one issue last year due to lack of funds. *Crown* is not on the fall schedule.

Pierce's magazine, *The Bull*, received a fourth place in general excellence.

Besides general excellence, *Crown*'s staff won many honors as well.

For photo essay in a magazine, Shannon Channess and Alice Lopez came in first and second place respectively. Mary Parcels came in fifth place for this category.

Terry Olwell received a double honor with a first place in magazine light humor and an honorable mention for magazine feature.

Maureen Koch received a fifth place for magazine

feature, and Gene Herd received an honorable mention for magazine human interest.

The *Star* did equally well with Jeff Share receiving a fifth place for feature photo and an honorable mention for news photo.

For photo essay, Denise Morgan received a first place and David Bohrer received an honorable mention.

Ronn Crowder, city editor, received a fourth place for opinion and an honorable mention for sports feature.

Frann Bart received a fifth place and an honorable mention in the category of light humor opinion.

Ken McCall, managing editor, received a third place for investigative news or series.

The on-the-spot competitions saw Celia Gonzales, chief photographer, receive a third place for feature photo, and Ronn Crowder received a fourth place for copy editing.

Also, each year at the state conference the students elect a president and vice-president for the executive board which governs the JACC organization.

Since JACC is split into two regions, North and South, they switch off the president and vice-president positions.

The *Star*'s editor-in-chief, Jennifer Konze, was elected vice-president and will govern with the president elected from the north and the faculty officers for the next year.

The next conference for JACC is a regional for the Southern section next fall.



TERRY OLWELL/Valley Star

**WEEKEND VISITORS**—An LAPD helicopter was displayed at the north end of Monarch Square during the Victim's Rights and Assistance Fair on Saturday. Also exhibited were a remote con-

trol robot, a mobile command center, a motorcycle patrol, mounted police and police dogs. Among those speaking at the event were actor Henry Winkler and Christine Lund of KABC-TV.



## 'Free' weekend vacation not what it was supposed to be

By RONN CROWDER, City Editor

The envelope came unexpectedly. It looked like it contained a check. The word "sweepstakes" was part of the return address. As I tore it open, visions of Tahiti flashed through my imagination.

No check. It was a "free two-days-and-one-night weekend vacation" for two at a seaside resort in Ventura. The cover letter said we (my wife and I) could stay at the "fabulous" resort "free of charge" if we would listen to a "short presentation."

In addition, we would receive \$50 in "Resort Bucks" to cover our expenses for "food, gas, etc." while we visited the resort.

Besides that, if we made reservations on days other than Saturday or Sunday, we would receive a "bonus gift", which would remain a secret until we arrived at the resort.

We thought, "We know this is a sales pitch, but a weekend at the ocean is a treat for us—let's do it." We called the toll-free number and made reservations.

The reservation clerk told us that we could not check in until 3:00 Friday afternoon, so we arrived around that time. The desk clerk informed us, "Friday is your first day...you must check out before noon Saturday."

Our "presentation" was scheduled for 9:30 Saturday morning, and we were more than a little irritated that we would only be given Friday night to use the facilities.

The place turned out to be a converted motel. It was well over 20 years old. Our room smelled stale.

Two of the three lamps in the room had no light bulbs. I called the desk clerk, who assured me someone would come to replace the bulbs. No one ever came.

"OK—fine," we thought. "We can at least enjoy the facilities tonight. Let's hit the Jacuzzi!"

The water temperature was about 85 degrees—much too cold. Although the sauna was enclosed, there was no heat.

There were no guests. We had dinner in the adjacent restaurant where we could spend the "Resort Bucks" for our meals. We were told that no change could be given for the resort cash. We had two twenties and a ten. The bill came to \$14.

We ended up using the fake ten and four dollars in real cash. After a rough night of trying to sleep while struggling to avoid falling off the miniature beds,

would not be interested in buying.

If you ever want to beat a sales pitch—take a kid along. We had originally planned to leave our two-year-old son along in the nursery which they had provided, but one child there had a bad cold. So we took him along with us to the sales office.

Sadly for us, his presence slowed us down. We, in our frustration, had thought that his presence might discourage the woman.

The reverse happened. She became agitated and more resolute to deliver her sales pitch.

Two hours later, she finally let us out. Calling her pitch high-pressure sales in only partially accurate. It was high pressure, but she sold nothing.

She even tried to make us feel guilty for taking the "free trip" and not buying. At that point, I lost my control.

"You've got a lot of nerve telling me something like that after the night we just spent," I growled. "This place is so run-down I would be afraid to be here in an earthquake. Besides, a person could starve in that restaurant."

She feigned indignance, but she knew I was serious. I didn't need to act. I was genuinely irate. She backed down.

As we were about to check out at noon, we discovered the gift shop would honor the "funny money" and charge purchases to our room.

We spent the rest of the money for one item in the gift shop. We came away with a large Mexican beach towel.

As we pulled out of the unpaved parking lot, spraying gravel behind the car, we promised each other, "Never again. Next time we want to go to the ocean, we'll pay for it."



which were also lumpy, we arose to a "buffet breakfast."

The greasiest raw bacon I had ever seen stared up at me from the plate. I tasted better scrambled eggs in the Marine Corps.

We decided we would be better off someplace else, and the noon check-out time suddenly became a desired goal.

But first we had to fulfill our obligation to listen to their sales pitch.

I told the saleswoman who greeted us that we were not at all impressed with the place and

## Letters to the Star

### Reinstate cut classes

Editor,

It seems to me that although we are paying \$50 for tuition, we are being shortchanged.

The cutting of classes this semester alone—approximately 100 classes—is denying education to much of the school population because everyone is affected.

The solution would be to reinstate those classes lost, and the fault lies with Valley's Ed Young, Dean of Academic Affairs. Even before the official budget was out, he cut those classes.

The money is in the district, and should be used to reinstate the classes.

Yitchak Kolpas  
Foreign Language Student  
Hebrew Language Dept.

### An injustice addressed

This letter was written to California Governor George Deukmejian by a Valley College student. Copies were sent to newspapers in order to address the issues presented in the letter publicly.

Dear Governor Deukmejian:

I recently attended the 1985 Photojournalism Day and Competition held at California State University, Long Beach.

I was very surprised and angry when I saw the beautiful new bowling lanes, expensive wide-screen television, not to mention large fencing classes, individual enclosed rooms for table tennis, pool and a room full of video games located in the student union rooms.

I have been attending Los Angeles

Valley College in Van Nuys as a photojournalism student for the past three years. The classes I need are being cut two at a time due to lack of funding, despite fees being paid by students.

It is my understanding that California State University, Long Beach and Los Angeles Valley College are both supported by the taxpayers.

If this is true, please explain to me why the students at Long Beach can bowl and watch large-screen television, surrounded by beautiful, well-kept grounds while Valley College cannot afford to offer academic classes, had to lay off librarians, cancel magazine subscriptions and lay off grounds-keepers year after year.

I need Valley College! I cannot afford to attend Long Beach. I pay my taxes. Why am I denied my right to schooling? Please inform me as to why this injustice is being done as soon as possible. Thank you.

Barbie Lange  
(LAVC Student)

### The Alamo Church

Editor,

This letter is in response to one of the lowest forms of bigotry that rivals the hatred and human prejudice that would make the Neo-Nazi Party and the Klu Klux Klan proud.

This cult is known as the Alamo Church. These people believe that the Roman Catholic Church runs the FBI, Mafia, Treasury and Labor Departments as well as the White House, United Nations, and finally—to make it sound more ridiculous—all federal, state, and

civic agencies.

Let's look at the mafia in Italy which has been at war with the Roman Catholic Church and the FBI for years because they are trying to stop drug trafficking in Italy and the United States. Now why would the Pope be trying to stop drugs if they are so profitable for Rome? This sounds too stupid to be intelligent.

It was also said that Communism was created and controlled by the Pope. Pope John Paul II has been an open opponent of Communism and the unsuccessful assassination attempt on his life was conducted by Bulgaria, a Soviet Communist satellite. In Central America and everywhere where Communism is repressing the people, the Catholic Church is there defending the oppressed.

The Alamo Church uses scripture to defend its position, but after researching scripture, it makes no mention to the Catholics, but says he, she, or they—these are broad pronouns which are convenient in supporting the lies.

If you check their research books you'll find they are all by obscure writers and publishing companies, sold as a tax-deductible gifts to them, and guess who owns these publishing companies?

In closing they say, "I have full authority from Heaven to preach this."

Who are they kidding? In an educated society such as ours, one only wonders where these people come from. If they want to know scripture, let them read the First Epistle of John.

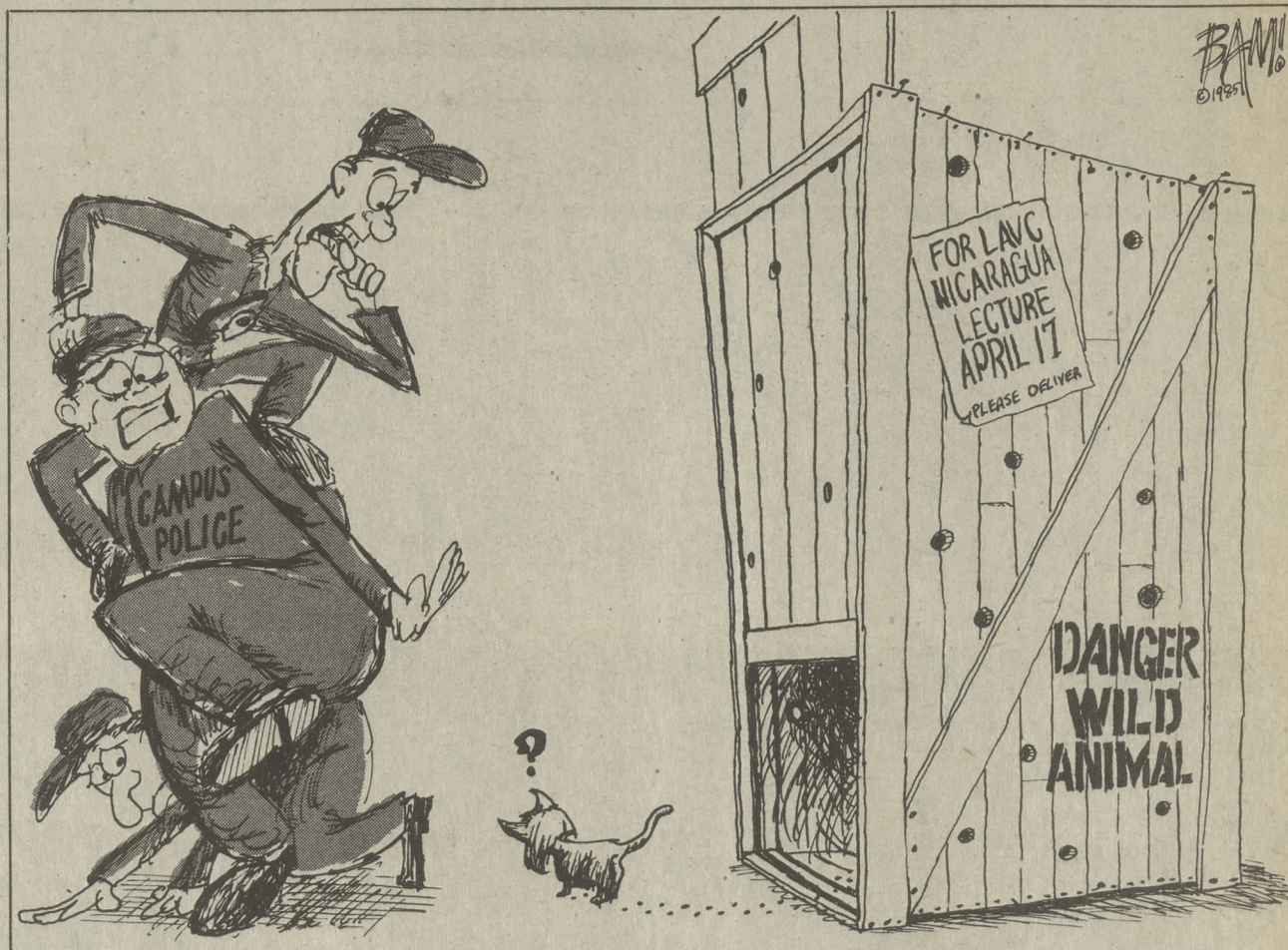
John Termini  
Chiropractic Student

### LETTERS

The Valley Star is happy to receive and, if possible, publish letters from its readers.

The Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations. Letters are subject to editing if they are obscene, libelous, or make racial, ethnic, or religious denigrations.

Letters should be signed and, if applicable, should include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented in the Valley Star office, Business Journalism 114, by 11 a.m. Monday for the following Thursday.



## STAR EDITORIALS

## Security policy flawed

L.A. Valley College administration and campus police have hit upon a new corollary to the old expression "money talks."

If there isn't any money, there isn't any talk.

Last Wednesday, April 17, lack of money got in the way of free speech when Valley's administration forced the cancellation of a presentation on the crisis in Nicaragua because the organizers, Students for Social Action, could not afford to pay the estimated \$214.30 for security coverage. (See the lead news story on page 1.)

For an expected attendance of 100 people—a very small crowd for Monarch Hall—campus police captain J.J. Wolf wanted four armed officers.

Originally, the price had been set at an exorbitant \$418, but was later cut in half.

While the Star does not dispute the need for security at events where it is essential, several factors indicate that it was not necessary in this instance—at least not as heavily as Wolf would have liked.

Though pointing to the Ernesto Cardenal incident (in which guns were reported to be in the crowd) of last year as his motive for tightened security, Wolf failed to also look into the past records of this year's two speakers.

Mark Cooper, a journalist, had previously spoken twice at Valley—once before and once after the Cardenal incident. There were no security problems on either occasion.

Carol Wells, though she had never spoken at Valley before, had spoken at dozens of universities and colleges. This was the first time that she had been not allowed to speak.

Ironically, Wells also participated in an anti-Sandinista public demonstration in Nicaragua in which no government security officers interfered.

Another bit of irony to throw into the arena occurred the night before the cancelled presentation, when the Students for Social Action sponsored a debate that required no security.

Both were about Nicaragua, and both projected attendance of 100. Though the cancelled presentation was to be held in Monarch Hall, and the debate was in Behavioral Science 100, the location makes little difference.

It would have made more sense if the debate were to have required heavy security. The very nature of heated discussions is more liable to lead to violent outbreaks than a slide show and lecture.

What was the reason behind the fluctuation of the security fee? Why did Wednesday night's event require security, while Tuesday night's potentially more volatile debate did not?

This lack of consistency in the security policy points to arbitrary decision making.

Such arbitrary decision making could discourage further campus events such as the Nicaraguan presentations. If this were to happen, it would be a severe blow to the freedom of speech, in addition to denying students excellent educational opportunities.

The bottom line is that the campus police and the administration showed bad judgment in this instance. The security policy of campus events—if last week is indicative of things to come—needs reviewing and changing.

## A healthy ordinance

The new Los Angeles city ordinance (L.A.M.C. 41.50) regarding smoking in the work place is a positive development.

The law is clear about where smoking will be prohibited: elevators, restrooms, and medical facilities.

All lounge areas, cafeterias, and lunchrooms will be divided as follows: two-thirds for non-smokers and one-third for smokers.

For the actual work environment (in companies with five or more employees), smoke-free areas are to be provided for those re-

questing them.

Some tolerance and understanding should be used by those who implement the new regulations.

Managers should talk to their employees about their needs and concerns before deciding how to adjust to the new law.

Balancing the civil liberties of smokers and non-smokers is a tricky business, but the right of a worker to a healthy environment must take precedence over another individual's right to smoke.

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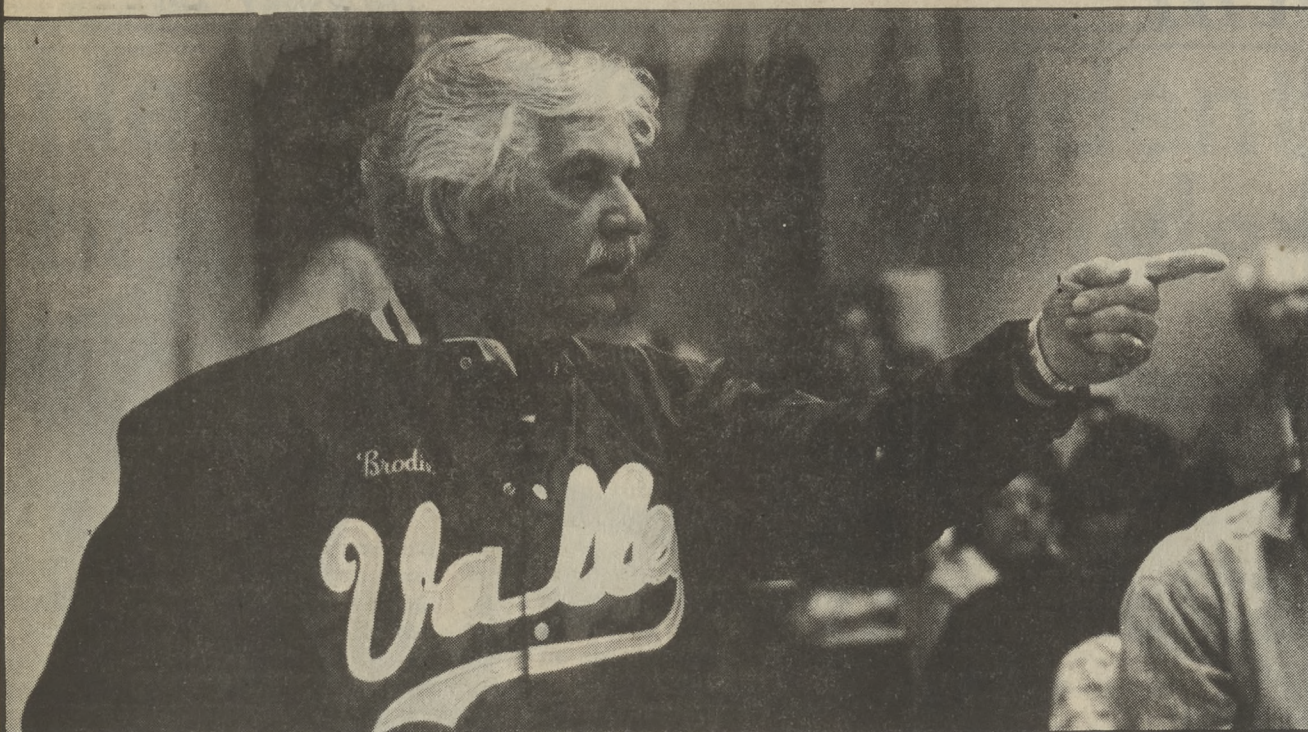
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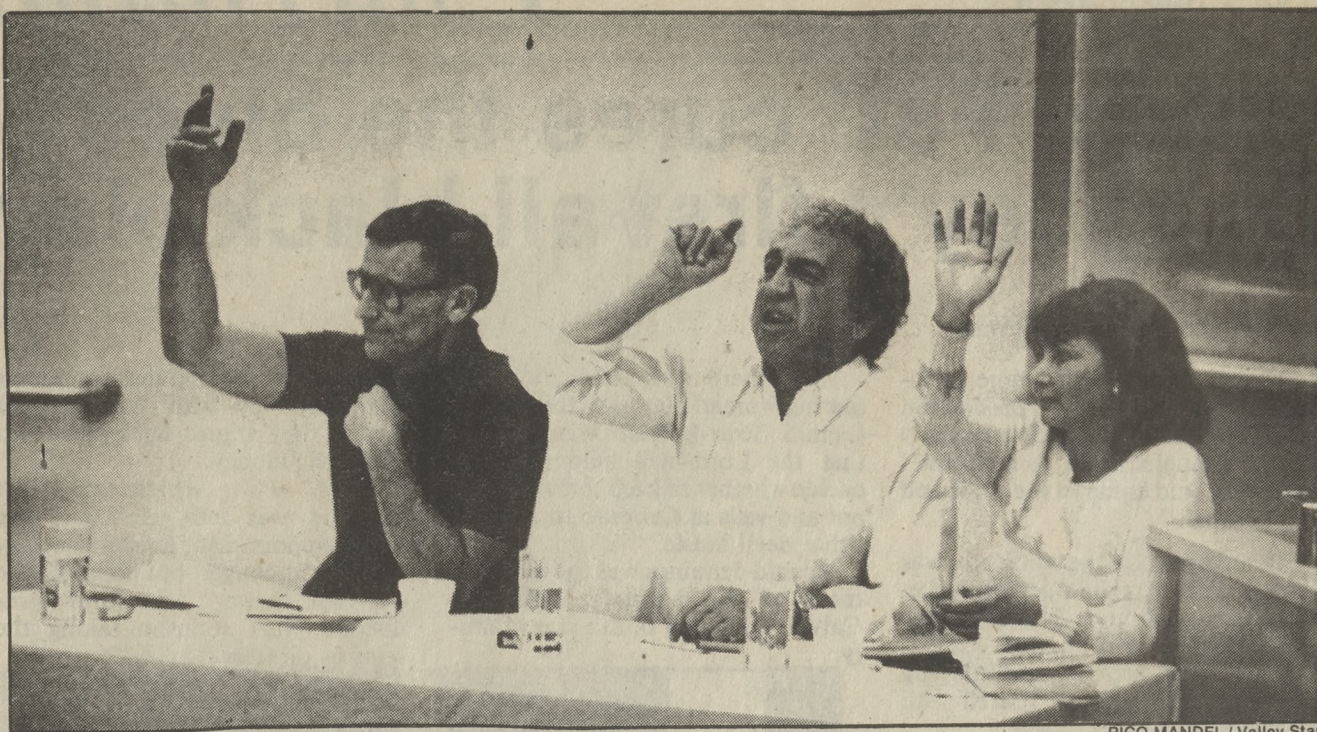
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**POINT**—Gerald "Brodie" Broderson, Los Angeles Community College student trustee, argued about the etiquette of the debate with members of the panel at the Students for Social Action's Nicaragua debate at Valley last week.



**COUNTERPOINT**—Dr. Robert Pritchard, history professor; Farrel Broslawsky, political science professor; and Maria Santos were members of the panel supporting the Sandinista government, and seemed favored by the audience.

# Opinions, obscenities spark debate

By JANET RAILE, Staff Writer

Memories of rude remarks and accusations may linger long after the Students for Social Action's Nicaragua debate at Valley College last week.

Because the points of view and stated facts were so contradictory, the debate may also cause the approximately 50 people in the audience to seek answers elsewhere.

Dorothy Kaplan, ASU treasurer, moderated the April 16 forum, "Is there a legitimate U.S. national interest for destabilizing or overthrowing the current government in Nicaragua?" The sponsor was the Students for Social Action, a Valley club described by club treasurer, Laura Leganza as "a group left of center."

The members of the panel favoring the current Sandinista government were Dr. Robert Pritchard, history professor, Farrel Broslawsky, political science professor and Maria Santos who is working to get the United States out of Nicaragua, said Leganza.

The opposing panel, which favored support of the contras, was sponsored by Young Americans for Freedom, another campus club. Dan Philbis, vice chairman, introduced the speakers: Dr. Benjamin

Cuadra, ex-member of the Student Revolutionary Sandinista Front for National Liberation and Luciano Cuadra, member of the Revolutionary Democratic Alliance.

Audience reaction to the often heated debate seemed to heavily favor the Sandinistas, while about 10 listeners expressed support for the Contras.

Broslawsky dominated the debate. He said he remembers that the U.S. continued to occupy Nicaragua until 1933 and called it freedom.

"I am going to be damned if I am going to see my kids fight some filthy little war in some other ugly little country in support of a bunch of God-damned whores and have our people die so that somehow we can call it freedom," Broslawsky said. "It is a lie. It is not Sandinistas today who are advocating the destruction of a free people. They are the free people. You are the ones who are destroying them."

The audience applauded these contentions. Benjamin countered that it is the Sandinistas who are doing the killing and murdering of Contra prisoners who do not believe in totalitarianism.

Pritchard read from a U.S. State Department report

issued in June 1984 about Soviet support in Nicaragua being "open to question." Soviet military equipment in Nicaragua was characterized as "outdated."

Luciano said Soviet Union involvement in Nicaragua is readily apparent by the mount of military installations he saw when he was working with intelligence from 1979 through June 1982. By a Bulgarian ship he saw a ground support intercepting radar system. There were two bases in Nicaragua and mobile stations in a port.

"Anyone who knows about military matters knows this is not defective equipment," Luciano said.

When Broslawsky said that literacy in Nicaragua has gone up from 50 to 83 percent, Luciano asked the professor if he was telling the truth.

"Am I telling the truth or is the whole God-damned world lying except you suckers?" he said.

A member of the audience said, "Get on with the business. I came here to hear a debate tonight at a meeting that was orderly."

"I want to hear your answer," Broslawsky said.

"There is a difference between taking a grammar class for six months and being able to read a

newspaper," Benjamin said. "I am not aware of any independent international verification of the claim."

The climax of the debate was when Pritchard was making a point about intervention not being justified when the Russians do it or when the Americans do it and he was interrupted. The verbal retorts between he and the interrupter were joined by those of a woman complaining "I have never heard such insults in my life."

"I am going to be very calm about this," Broslawsky said. "Ladies are getting terribly upset. Let's hear both sides as if this is some little kind of abstract argument whether we should have chocolate or vanilla pastry."

"If we're not being polite, let's walk out and go home and watch television. What kind of crap do you think this is?"

The lady answered, "I am leaving."

"All right, go ahead and leave," Broslawsky said. A man in the audience said, "We are having a kangaroo court here."

Between five and 10 persons left the room. After this exchange the debate wound down.

## Campus access requested of RTD

Board president requests study

By GERALD ATKINS, Staff Writer

According to some people, RTD service to Valley College is leaving much to be desired.

A request for evaluation for additional service has been given to the RTD planning board by Arthur Bronson, president of the board of trustees for the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) and L.A. city Councilman Marvin Braude.

Currently, the 420 line which runs east-west along Chandler is the line closest to the school's southern border.

Valley students who rely on line 420 have voiced complaints over the long walk that they must make from Burbank to the bus stops on Chandler.

Complaints have also been made about the lack of shelters at the stops themselves, and if students walk down Ethel, they must walk in the street to reach the bus stop because there is no continuous sidewalk.

Night students must endure poor lighting as well as barking dogs.

Greg Roberts, an LACV graduate who is currently taking a night course here, has been concerned by the lack of public transportation for the past ten years.

Roberts has been instrumental in pushing the issue of public transportation into the agenda of city officials.

In 1975 when Roberts was graduated from LACV with an A.A. de-

gree in journalism, the last bus line to run on Fulton, line 138, was deactivated.

The north-south 138 served a very useful purpose in linking the 420 and other east-west lines to the campus.

It has been proposed that the 420 loop north of Chandler and run along Burbank between Fulton and Coldwater Canyon. The loop seems simple enough to the casual observer, but to RTD planning Director, Gary Spivack, it is complex enough to warrant a \$60,000 study—a study which hasn't been approved.

"The line carries 19,000 riders daily," said Spivack, "and if we were to include the loop it would add an extra four to six minutes and inconvenience a large number of passengers."

"The loop may also add to operating cost, and with recent subsidy cuts we don't need additional cost," he added.

As an alternative to the \$60,000 RTD study, Valley President Mary E. Lee and a Valley Marketing class have designed a preliminary survey along RTD guidelines for students, which should be distributed in early May.

"After this preliminary survey is completed," Lee said, "we will then consider a more in-depth survey specifically on bus transportation needs."

But Roberts doesn't understand the delay.

"Fox Hills Mall received prompt action when they requested a re-route of line 560," he said, "and Security Pacific Bank had line 53 re-routed to serve their needs. They didn't have to go through the hassle of surveys and studies."



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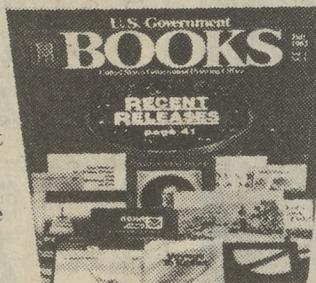
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### News Notes

#### SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY WORKSHOP

Kurt Krueger, former All-American swimmer at Valley will be conducting a sports psychology workshop at LACV Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those interested may contact the Business Office for further information.

#### CHANCELLOR'S STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Those interested in this award may acquire an application in CC100. The deadline is tomorrow.

#### SUMMER SESSION

A tentative summer session schedule has been posted in the Administration building, near the west counter. Permanent schedules will be available in May.

#### FALL REGISTRATION

Applications for the fall semester at all nine LACCD colleges will be available tomorrow in the Administration building. Registration begins in June and classes start August 19.



## 'Livin' Fat' cures the blues in Valley's first all-black play

By KAREN PHELPS, Staff Writer

Victor Johnson, first-time director of the recent Valley production of *Livin' Fat*, told the *Star* recently that "if laughs could be medicine" people should come to the show and "be healed."

If anybody in the audience was sick at Friday night's performance, they are healed now. Though it was quiet and a bit chilly outside the Little Theater, it was hot and hopping inside as the audience roared with laughter.

Set in the mid-'70s somewhere in the South, *Livin' Fat* is a story by Judi Ann Mason about a poor black family that suddenly comes into a lot of money after the son, David Lee, recovers a bundle of cash stolen from the bank where he works.

Throughout the play, the family argues whether to keep the money or have David Lee turn it over to authorities and risk going to jail.

Big Mama, played by Alretha Eka, was the scene-stealer in *Livin' Fat*, throwing wise-cracks and insults at the rest of the family between chewing tobacco and chomping on the Ex-Lax she keeps in her bosom.

Boo (Gregory Alexander) is David Lee's best friend and talks David into hiding the money from the rest of the family. Meanwhile, he buys some fancy duds (Which Mama calls his "clown suit") with the money David gives him. Gregory plays the jive-talking part of Boo well with his "genuine imitation imported shoes" and the rest of his outrageous outfit.

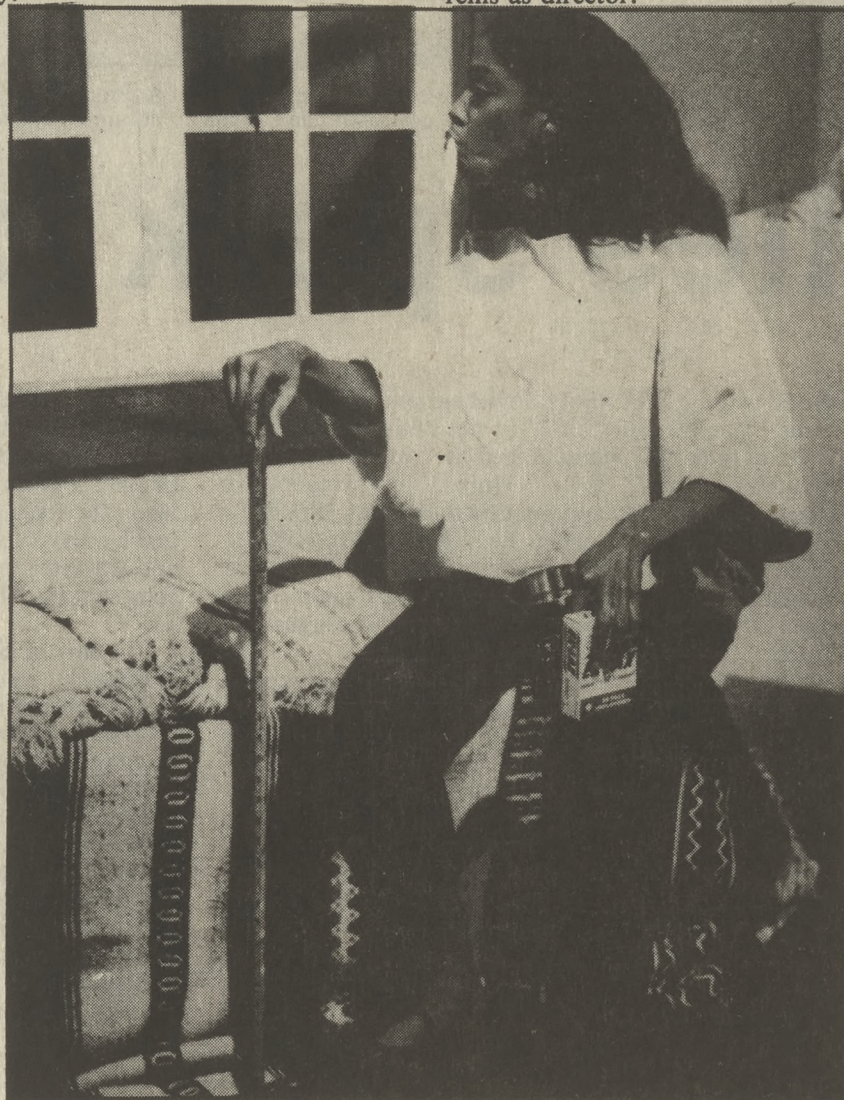
Claudia Kaleen, making her stage debut as David Lee's younger sister Candi, tended to drown out the other actors with her high, screeching voice. Though she played the be-bopping girl well, she needs to learn to control her voice on stage.

Then there was Mama, a God-fearing woman played to the hilt by Lynndi Scott-Loftin. Mama prays that the Lord will help them to decide whether to keep the money or not and yells at Candi to turn down "that devil music."

Ronald Jennings was the target of most of Big Mama's attacks as Calvin, the father of this crazy family.

Some of the funniest moments were given by both Jennings and Eka as they argued back and forth about the money.

*Livin' Fat*, which ran last weekend, was definitely a hit. One big disappointment is that the play did not run longer, but hopefully we can look forward to a future production with Johnson taking the reins as director.



WINDOW SITTING—Alretha Eka as Big Mama in *Livin' Fat*.

JOYCE GLANTZ / Valley Star

## Turning the dial to LAVC

By SEAN BROWNING, Assoc. Entertainment Editor

Today, a turn of the dial can bring us virtually any type of music, entertainment, or important information. Our lives would be completely different without the form of communication that we largely take for granted—broadcasting.

Working under the experienced instruction of Ray Wilson and Richard Eskilson, the Valley College broadcasting department is extending a firm hold on a medium which touches all of our lives.

KVCM, Valley's radio station, can be heard in various areas within the college at 83 on the AM dial.

The station, which is run by a carrier current throughout Valley's electrical system, boasts a lineup of DJs that consists entirely of Valley students. The DJs are free to play anything from Duran Duran to Iron Maiden, as long as the material is not obscene or distasteful.

"Our goal," Wilson said, "is to prepare the student for on microphone work at a radio station."

The beginning student learns "everything, including microphones, control boards, transmitters, radio production, and radio newscasts," Wilson said.

"(They learn) everything the student needs for an entry-level position at a station."

The radio intern program at Valley has placed

students with stations such as KMET and KROQ, and news interns to KGIL.

Another facet of Valley's broadcasting department is the voice-over class, instructed by one of the top voice-over artists in the United States, Ginney Tyler.

Students are taught many voice-over techniques, including commercials. Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., the class conducts a live radio theatre which is broadcast over KVCM.

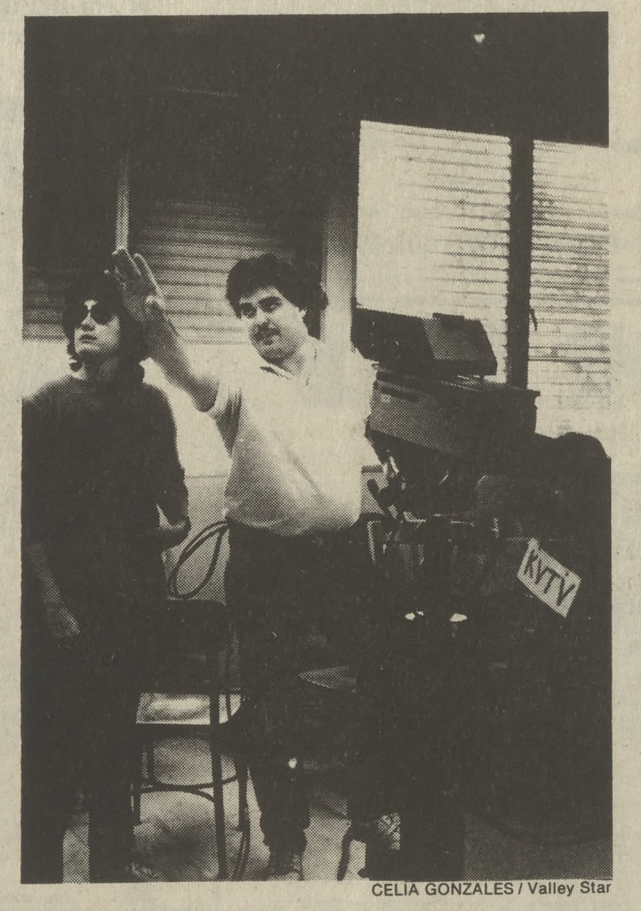
The television program at Valley is instructed by Richard Eskilson.

"The objective of KVTU (Valley's television station)," said Eskilson, "is to maintain a professional television studio which enables students to produce and direct their own programs."

Student programs at Valley have been broadcast on West Valley and Group W cable systems. When the proposed United Cable finally installs cable in the East Valley, programs will be broadcast over that system as well.

The broadcasting department works together quite well, and Eskilson attributes this to both the motivation of the students and the diverse background of the faculty in the broadcasting field.

"We (the faculty) will attack a problem in four entirely different ways," Eskilson said, "and hopefully we'll come out with the same solution."



CELIA GONZALES / Valley Star

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT—Valley College student DJ Kelly Mahon (left) cues a record in Valley's radio station KVCM.

In Valley's television studio KVTU (above), Renee Goldberg and Ben Bercovici discuss studio techniques.

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OGLING STUDENT ART—Valley student Eric Kuns (left) listens as Meg Sullivan, assistant director of the current

student art exhibit, discusses one of the pieces in the show.

## Student art show reflects wide, impressive variety of techniques

By LISA COLLINS, Staff Writer

The moment I entered the gallery I was struck by it. It drew me in for further exploration. It was almost painful to see so I turned away, but only for a moment.

I gathered my thoughts, took a deep breath, and turned to face it again.

It was "22, Figure Drawing II" by Kevin Jacobs, a Valley student.

Jacobs's charcoal piece, one of many works in this year's student show, reveals a female figure that is slightly abstract. With simple lines and exaggerated curvature, the drawing expresses raw emotion. Sometimes frightening, sometimes sad, this piece is one of Jacobs's best.

There is plenty of good artwork on display in the Art Building and Gallery. Drawings, paintings, prints, assemblages, and ceramics are all included.

The overall work seems fairly conservative at first glance, yet there are a few individual pieces that capture the attention.

If realistic "photo-like" drawings are your fancy, Salenta Baisden's "Portrait of Bernard Jr." is an incredible pencil drawing of a black child with a distressing look on his face.

Charlotte Jones has two impressive still-life paintings on display. The "Watercolor #8" and the "Acrylic #23" both share rich, dark colors and fine juxtaposition of hues and objects.

The art show opened Monday at noon. Awards were presented to students with the best overall portfolios.

Dennis Reed, director of the Gallery, said there are no categories for the awards. The students must submit a portfolio with five to 10 pieces of their best classwork. The submissions are judged by the art faculty members, and only about 15-20 percent of those are accepted for exhibition.

"One thousand dollars was made last year at an auction," Reed said, "so the money is divid-

ed up and given as gift certificates to the students who win. This is all except the top award, which is the highest honor. The winner receives a cash prize which is the largest sum given away."

Jacobs won the Art Gallery Student Council Award, the highest honor.

"I'm glad I got it," Kevin said about the award. "I'm glad I even submitted something. I've talked to so many people who don't show their art to anyone because they don't think it's good enough, and that's not good."

"Get exposure," Jacobs advised. "You never know. You just might win."

Other awards were won by Gale Griffith, Mike Ellison, Dorothy Haas, Glen McLaughlin, Charlotte Jones, Deanna Emmert, Solvig Leslie, Gail Rose, Kejersten Parson, Ruth Banarer, Dik Morois and Mike Brooks.

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# New faculty president: busy man gets busier

By MARC PROVAL, Staff Writer

If you want to catch up with Jack Sterk to speak with him for a moment or two, you have to be very lucky—or very quick.

Jack Sterk is an extremely busy man.

Although he is already teaching five classes as serving as department chairperson of the Valley College speech and broadcasting department, Sterk was elected president of the faculty senate last week.

Sterk will replace Ray Wilson who cited "health reasons" as his main reason for not seeking reelection.

Sterk is also married and has three young kids. There have been rumors—but no definite confirmation—that Sterk was seen dashing into a phone booth and coming out with a big 'S' on his chest and a cape to match.

"I'm a fairly efficient person. I know when to delegate things," said the 38-year-old president-elect. "There are only so many things you can do yourself. I am only capable of doing what I'm doing."

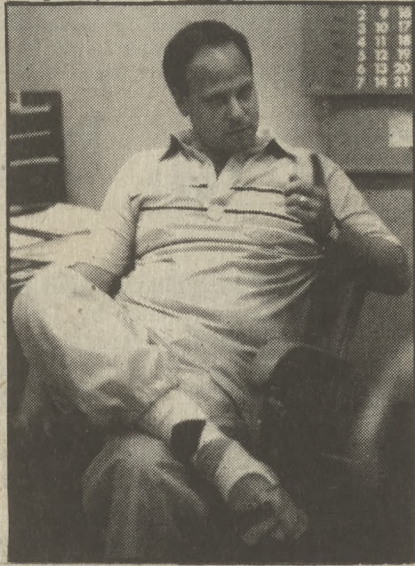
Sterk won't be able to look forward to much of a honeymoon in his new post.

He and the faculty senate face a number of immediate problems including the declining enrollment, the summer school controversy, and communication with the district.

"I'm not the kind of person who leaves in tough times," Sterk said.

Sterk, who has been teaching at Valley since 1971, is very outspoken when the subject of district administration comes up. Sterk says that there are too many administrative people in the district with no teaching experience.

"Unless you've been in a class with no air conditioning in August or tried to go to a bathroom that is filthy or tried to get a half-inch VCR tape for a presentation, you just don't know," he said, "They can sympathize, but there's no empathy."



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Although the faculty senate is not a policy-making board, Sterk says the faculty will have more influence regarding topics affecting the Valley campus than in the past.

"The faculty association will become more attentive to the problems at Valley and spend less time dealing with off-campus problems," Sterk continued. "We are limited to publicity in getting views across. But we can create a furor."

Sterk cited the recent senate move when the board considered a no-confidence vote against Valley President Mary Lee and Vice President of Academic Affairs Edwin Young.

"We can wield a great deal of pressure," he said.

The old 60s activist comes out in Sterk when a fight is on his hands.

"I try to sit down and work things out," he said. "We need more communication between the faculty and the students and between faculty and faculty."

"The students have no interest in the school because they feel alienated because of the jockeying around they've been through. We need more faculty participation. The faculty here doesn't even know each other."

Everybody will soon know Jack Sterk, even if he doesn't have time to stop.

## Valley, high school counselors share spaghetti, information

By JERI ROZNER, Staff Writer

In a luncheon meeting today at the Campus Center, counselors from various high schools joined Valley College counselors in discussions that were described as both "very informative" and "helpful."

This was the first time there has been such a meeting of counselors.

Everyone wore bibs for the spaghetti lunch served by the Valley counselors, who wore chef's hats.

The purpose of the meeting was to exchange information.

"Counselors have learned the programs and services we have to offer, and also how we are putting together information to give to the students," said Dr. Mary Lee, Valley College president. "This information will make it easier for students to apply to Valley and to reach their educational objectives."

Response from the high school counselors seemed mostly positive.

One counselor from Fairfax High found the provided material about requirements for various majors especially helpful. This response was echoed by many others.

"I learned a tremendous amount," said a counselor from Grant High. "I am a first year advisor, and I realize there is so much I don't know. Coming here and talking informally with Dr. Young was important and helpful."

A counselor from another school found the information informative, but felt it was unfortunate that there was very little information available about the summer school schedules.

Questions regarding financial aid, the new calendar, and transfers were also discussed.

Dr. Lee was very pleased with the turn-out which included counselors from more than a dozen high schools.

"High school counselors got to know our counselors on a person to person basis," she said.



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FOOD FOR THOUGHT—Both information and pasta were on the menu Wednesday at the LAVC High School Counselors Luncheon.



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SIGNS OF THE TIMES—Valley College student Patricia Waller expresses her opinion with a sign at a rally in downtown L.A. protesting the Reagan administration's Nicaraguan policy. Approximately 4,000 people attended the rally sponsored by the April 20th Coalition, and organization of 200 labor, religious, educational, medical and peace groups. The event was timed to coincide with the tenth anniversary of the fall of South Vietnam.

## ASU proposal . . .

(Continued from page 1)

Ulibarri retorted that the appointed members are not allowed an opinion on how the ASU spends its money, and are merely "staff."

"I don't think we can require a performance from them when we don't give them a say-so in how this organization is run," Ulibarri said.

But Najbergier did not agree. "These people that you call 'staff,' they can reap all the benefits of ASU," he said. "We can allot them money to send them places. Yet, I don't think it's fair that there shouldn't be some kind of minimal student participation."

Ulibarri then pointed out that the ASU can allot funds to send "anybody anywhere."

Najbergier agreed, but added that, "if they (the appointed members) are going to come to school just to be on ASU council, and take one unit, then that's a joke."

"You shouldn't call yourself a student," he continued. "If you want to call yourself a political person, that's cool. Whether they vote or not, the fact is that they are on executive council."

ASU Vice President Dirk Starksen, who runs the meetings of the student senate (consisting of the campus clubs), agreed with Najbergier.

"The senate and council are two separate entities of ASU," Starksen said. "And I think we should have a

requirement, so that these people are involved with school. Otherwise, you can get anybody on ASU."

Discussion continued as Patrice Anthony, commissioner of social affairs, added, "You have a responsibility to meet those requirements because we represent a very important part of this campus."

Ulibarri said that he agreed with her, adding, "Patrice is one of the people who understands what I've been saying."

Najbergier ended the open discussion with his statement about riding the ASU of the "leeches."

The executive council then lost a quorum, so were unable to vote on the motion. Because of the election nearing, the motion was dropped.

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# Diving duo sparkles

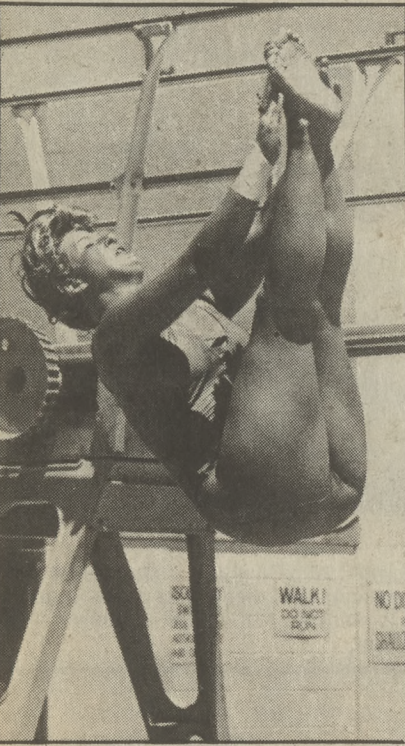
By DAVID FROST, Opinion Editor

It might have seemed like a case of double vision—two tanned, blonde female divers, both from Valley College, both finishing back-to-back in their events.

But no, it was not a case of double vision brought on by the blistering sun. Instead, it was Valley's Lynn Banashek and Janet Shafer—two divers who have worked so closely during the season that the style of one is practically a mirror image of the other.

"We're like this," said Banashek holding up two touching fingers. "We're both gymnasts, and we both push each other. We work out well together."

And they showed just how well during the Metropolitan Con-



JANET SHAFER RICO MANDEL / Valley Star

ference Diving Championships, held April 19, and the Southern California Diving Championships, held April 23. Both were held at Pierce College.

Banashek, the more experienced and better of the two divers, placed higher than her team-mate in both the 1-meter and 3-meter events. But Shafer, to her credit, far surpassed expectations anyone had of her.

Banashek and Lynn both qualified for Southern California Finals by finishing fifth and sixth, respectively, in the Metro Finals on the 1-meter board.

On the 3-meter board, Banashek qualified for Southern California Finals by finishing sixth in Metro Finals. Shafer missed getting into the qualifying top six, but was again right behind her teammate at the Metro Finals in this event with a seventh place finish.

Though Banashek declined to dive off the 3-meter board at the Southern California Finals because of mild injuries and fatigue, she finished seventh on the 1-meter board. Again, Shafer was right behind her with an eighth place finish.

The excellent showing of Banashek and Shafer had one disadvantage for a third Valley woman diver, Shannon Pierce. Though she had a very strong showing and picked up needed points for the Monarch women, she was knocked out of the Southern California Finals.

Combined, the three Monarchs racked up 45 points for the women's team, which will now go into their Metro Conference Championship meet with a 10-point lead over the second place team.

Not surprisingly, Monarch swim coach Bill Krauss couldn't be more pleased about the divers' success.

"To go into a meet and have a 10-point lead before the meet even starts, and be ranked first out of 10 teams is just incredible," he said.

Valley's lone male diver, Mike McKessey, also picked up points for the team, finishing 11th on the 1-meter board, and 12th on the 3-meter board to give his team a needed three points. Prior to the Metro Diving meet, Krauss expressed doubts over McKessey making it to the top 12.

"I'm really very satisfied with the way I did," said McKessey. "It was the best I had ever done."

While the waiting is over for the diving team, the Monarch swimmers are currently in the thick of things in their Metropolitan Conference Finals, which will be held today, Friday and Saturday at Long Beach City College.

For Joe Hunziker, the Metro represents a make-or-break situation. He has to drop almost two seconds in his 200-yard breaststroke to qualify for the State Championship Meet, held the weekend of May 2, and he has to do it in either the preliminary or the final heats of his race.

Does the pressure of having to qualify in the last meet of the season, with no other chances make him apprehensive?

"Not at all," he said. "I'm going to do whatever it takes to make it into State."

All-American swimming sensation Janine Scollard is looking beyond the Metro Finals, and is concentrating on the State Championship meet, held the weekend of May 2.

The biggest dilemma for her seems to lie in choosing her events

for State, since she is only allowed to swim in three and has qualified in several.

"I want to swim the 50-fly," said Scollard, "but I guess I should swim the 100-fly so I could get timed for a scholarship to a four-year school. They don't like 50's—but I'd rather swim 50's."

According to Krauss, Scollard has a "legitimate chance of winning an event at the State meet."

Two Valley swimmers are eagerly awaiting the Metro because of certain factors which make it differ from regular meets.

Because the Metro holds a distance event of 1650 yards (1 mile), as opposed to the 1000-yard event of the dual-meet season, Chris Banke is hoping added distance will prove to be in his favor.

"I know the 1650's going to be my type of race, 'cause I didn't start cookin' 'til the thousand," said Banke after his 1000-yard freestyle over Cuesta two weeks ago.

"When I have another 650 yards to go, I'm going to pull through... touch the wall..." He punctuated his last sentence with a wave of his hand to signify "I'm gone" or "No sweat."

Lisa Stoll finds the regular seeding of swimmers in lanes according to fastest times works to her advantage.

"I'm the type of person who needs someone right alongside me to push me and make me work harder," she said. "In Metro's you're going to be seeded next to someone who is hauling-out. I'm the type of person who will try and keep up with them."

Krauss is hopeful that many of his swimmers will do well in the Metro, and qualify for State, but he rules out all chances of a Metro title, other than divine intervention.

"There's just no way we can go out and beat some of these teams," he said. "They have too many quality swimmers."

"What we want to do is see if we can move up in the standings from where we finished the dual meet season. Individually we just want to go out there and get best swims of the season from everyone."

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LEAPIN' LIZARDS!—Tom Lenihan slides hard into second base, trying to break up a Mission double play. Valley beat Mission 8-4 in Tuesday's game. Valley is now 7-6 in league play and 14-13-1 overall.

## Valley pitching, bats deliver

By EUGENE HERNANDEZ, Sports Editor

Using his excellent hard curve that had the Mission College batsmen swinging at air, the Monarch's starting pitcher Danny Telles allowed just two walks, six hits and struck out eight batters. His pitching combined with an eight run offensive attack defeated Mission 8-4 Tuesday.

His breaking pitch was working so well with his fastball and change, that at one point he struck out four batters in a row.

"I felt real good out there today," said Telles. "This was my first complete game and it was one of my better games of the season. I'm real happy that it came during a win for the club."

Assistant Coach Dan Cowgill also praised the performance by Telles, as well as the team in general.

"This is first game he has pitched real well," said Cowgill. "He continually kept setting up the batters with his fastball and then he would break that real good breaking pitch. He had them swinging at air."

Telles had such command of his pitches that he had a no-hitter through four innings before Mission finally got to him for three runs.

In the fifth he seemed to be getting just a little tired. "He was pitching well until the fifth when he made three bad pitches," said head coach Scott Mukey.

The three bad pitches enabled Mission to take a momentary lead of

3-2 until Valley came back with three of their own in the bottom of the fifth, and two in the seventh. That was all Telles needed as he upped his record to 3-1 with a team leading 2.50 ERA.

While the offensive output was equally distributed throughout the line up, Valley did have three big guns with the bat. Catcher Paul Cottrell went 4 for 5 in what was his best hitting day of the season. Chris Haslock a centerfielder (converted to a third baseman and now back playing centerfield) went 2 for 4 with three runs scored with one ribbie on the day. Infielder Tim Riley had 3 hits in 4 at bats and scored 2 runs.

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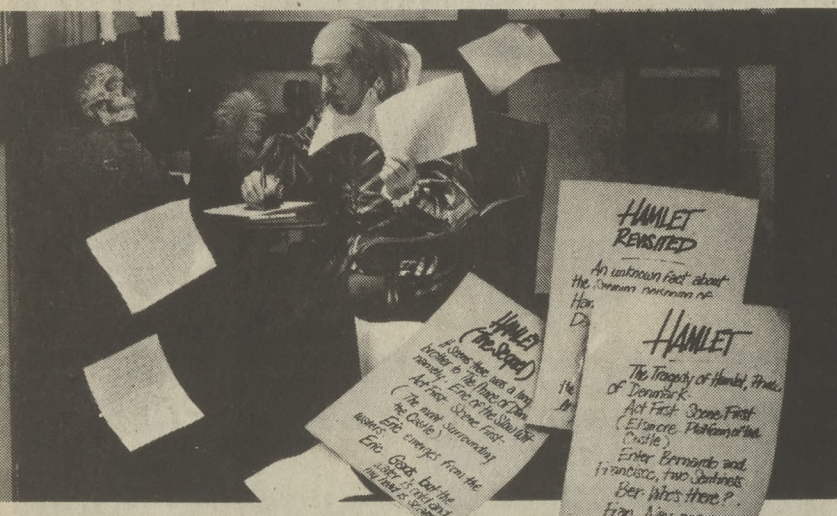
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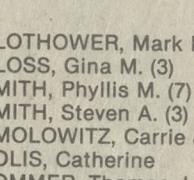
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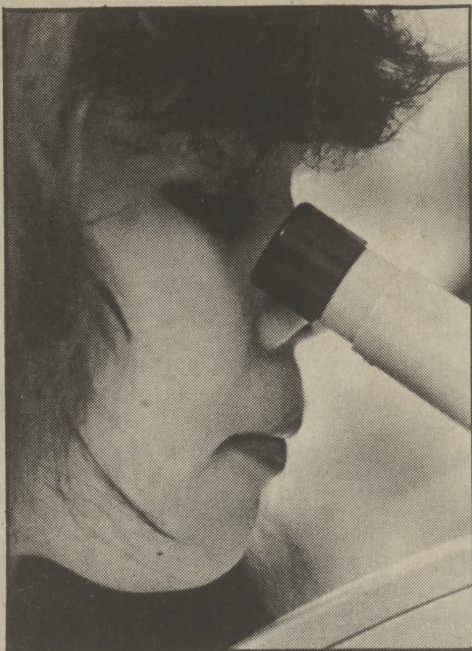
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## This working student is a student worker



"Sometimes, when the work load gets to be too much, I get a little depressed."

Like most community college students, Alicia Alvarez, 19, must work. The difference, however, with Alicia is that she works on campus. She is one of 283 student workers who have part-time jobs at Valley College.

In order to be employed at Valley, a student must carry a minimum of 12 units and have passing grades. The average student works about 20 hours per week — Alicia works from 15 to 20 hours each week.

"Although I have a close family," she said, "I'm a very independent person and, by work-

ing, I am able to be independent. It's also very convenient for me to work on campus."

A graduate of nearby Grant High School, Alicia has been attending Valley College for the past two years. Her vocational intentions are to become a nurse. This, however, took some deliberation.

"I began my education as a psychology major, then switched to sociology, and now I'm planning to enter the nursing program here," she said.

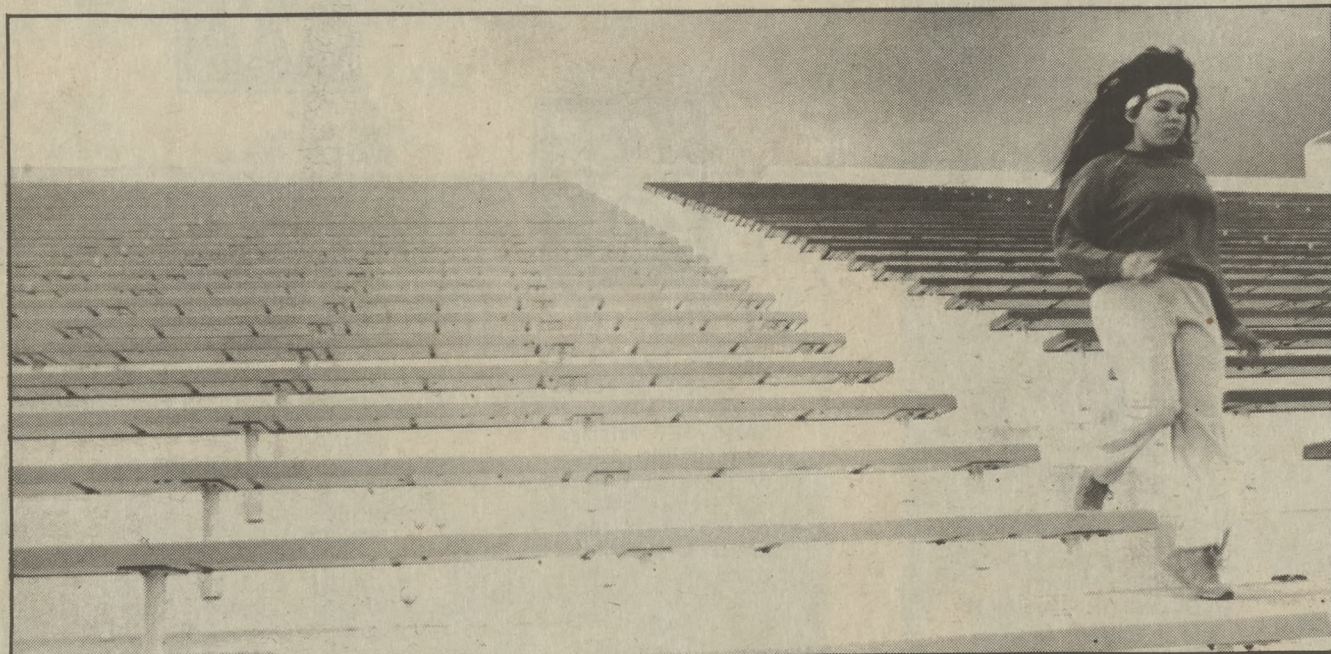
Even though Alicia is hard at work becoming a nurse, she would still like to see to it that she receives a "well-rounded education," and

not only learn about subjects related to nursing.

"I'm good at dealing with people," she said, "and eventually I'd like to work with abused children and battered women,...I think it's important."

Despite her dedication, constant studying and pressures, she remains composed and charming. People tend to feel very comfortable around her, and she always seems to have a smile on her face.

"Even though I've gotten used to school and working, I can't wait until it's over and the pressure is off."



Clockwise: Hands-on lab experience is part of a biology course which is preparing Alicia for nursing. Here she examines egg cells.

Alicia takes an order from Lisa Stoll in the school cafeteria where she works part-time.

A game of tug-o-war on the

weekend at a local park helps get the kinks out. Here she is helped by her sister (left) and a friend.

Studying is a heavy part of her regimen. Alicia is frequently at the campus library late into the night.

In her spare time, Alicia jogs to keep fit. Valley's football bleachers provide a good warm-up.

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